

**August 23, 2021, 1:00 PM Mountain/2:00 PM Central**

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- Region 6

- ## News/Announcements

- ## ➤ Status of SIP/Non-SIP Submittals

- b) Any SO<sub>2</sub> Transport updates? Nevine, NMED?

- ## ➤ Current Rulemaking Activities

## 1. EPA

- ## 2. NM

- Ozone Attainment Initiative (OAI)=Ozone Precursor Rule for the Oil and Natural Gas Sector Bob
  - Proposed rule released on May 6<sup>th</sup>, the hearing dates are September 20<sup>th</sup> through October 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Direct testimony is due July 28<sup>th</sup>, and rebuttal testimony is due September 6<sup>th</sup>.
  - Ozone Advance. Update: Carrie, Randy, and Brian Schath
- Stakeholder Review Draft Proposed Amendments to 20.2.79 NMAC *Permits- Nonattainment Areas* ("Part 79") Update: public NOI June 4 and hearing Jun 25<sup>th</sup>.

- Clean Cars Rule Claudia Borchert. Update: Early next year. Stakeholder outreach held on July 21<sup>st</sup>.

➤ **Misc, Questions, and Follow-up**

- R6 began Phase 2 on 9/15. We continue to be in our work at home status. No sooner than Nov.7 to return to the office.
- NM teleworking status: transition period. The new voluntary telework schedules begin August 9. (any change/updates?)

Next scheduled Monthly September 27, 2021 1-2 MDT

**NAAQS – periodic reviews (NS = no schedule for next review):**

Carbon Monoxide (2011) – NS: [ [HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/naaqs/carbon-monoxide-co-air-quality-standards"](https://www.epa.gov/naaqs/carbon-monoxide-co-air-quality-standards) ]

Primary NO<sub>2</sub> (2018) – NS: [ [HYPERLINK "http://www.epa.gov/naaqs/nitrogen-dioxide-no2-primary-air-quality-standards"](http://www.epa.gov/naaqs/nitrogen-dioxide-no2-primary-air-quality-standards) ]

Primary SO<sub>2</sub> – (2019) – NS: [ [HYPERLINK "http://www.epa.gov/naaqs/sulfur-dioxide-so2-primary-air-quality-standards"](http://www.epa.gov/naaqs/sulfur-dioxide-so2-primary-air-quality-standards) ]

Ozone – Final decision to retain w/o revision published 12/31/20

[ [HYPERLINK "https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2020-12-31/pdf/2020-28871.pdf"](https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2020-12-31/pdf/2020-28871.pdf) ]

[ [HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/naaqs/ozone-o3-air-quality-standards"](https://www.epa.gov/naaqs/ozone-o3-air-quality-standards) ]

Particulate Matter – Final decision to retain w/o revision published 12/18/20

[ [HYPERLINK "https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2020-12-18/pdf/2020-27125.pdf"](https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2020-12-18/pdf/2020-27125.pdf) ]

[ [HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/naaqs/particulate-matter-pm-air-quality-standards"](https://www.epa.gov/naaqs/particulate-matter-pm-air-quality-standards) ]

On 6/10/21, EPA announced that it will reconsider the previous administration's decision to retain the particulate matter (PM) National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). EPA is reconsidering the December 2020 decision because available scientific evidence and technical information indicate that the current standards may not be adequate to protect public health and welfare, as required by the Clean Air Act.

The press release is available here: [ [HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-reexamine-health-standards-harmful-soot-previous-administration-left-unchanged"](https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-reexamine-health-standards-harmful-soot-previous-administration-left-unchanged) ].

More information on PM NAAQS and other relevant documents can also be accessed on our website here:

- [ [HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/pm-pollution"](https://www.epa.gov/pm-pollution) ]
- [ [HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/pm-pollution/national-ambient-air-quality-standards-naaqs-pm"](https://www.epa.gov/pm-pollution/national-ambient-air-quality-standards-naaqs-pm) ]
- [ [HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/naaqs/particulate-matter-pm-air-quality-standards"](https://www.epa.gov/naaqs/particulate-matter-pm-air-quality-standards) ]

Lead (2016) – NS: [ [HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/naaqs/lead-pb-air-quality-standards"](https://www.epa.gov/naaqs/lead-pb-air-quality-standards) ]

[ [HYPERLINK "https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2020-07-07/pdf/2020-14575.pdf"](https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2020-07-07/pdf/2020-14575.pdf) ]

Secondary NO<sub>2</sub>/SO<sub>2</sub>/PM – Final ISA posted 10/19/20.

[ [HYPERLINK "http://www.epa.gov/naaqs/nitrogen-dioxide-no2-and-sulfur-dioxide-so2-secondary-air-quality-standards"](http://www.epa.gov/naaqs/nitrogen-dioxide-no2-and-sulfur-dioxide-so2-secondary-air-quality-standards) ]

Anticipate the draft Policy Assessment this Spring